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FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO  
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INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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TAGS: SHUM, PINT, UY, AR  
SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS: RUBEN DE GREGORIOREVIEW AUTHORITY: Richard Zorn,  
Senior Reviewer

REF: (A) STATE 306334 (B) MONTEVIDEO 5866

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AND METHODS INVOLVED -- NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS  
-- NOT RELEASABLE TO CONTRACTORS OR CONTRACTOR/CONSULTANTS.

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS EXCERPTED FROM [REDACTED]

A) ON NOVEMBER 16, 1977 OSCAR RUBEN DE GREGORIO MARCONI,  
IDENTIFIED AS THE COORDINATOR OF NONTONERO ACTIVITIES IN  
URUGUAY AND BRAZIL, WAS CAPTURED BY URUGUAYAN AUTHORITIES  
WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER URUGUAY VIA COLONIA. WHEN  
ARRESTED, SUBJECT WAS USING FALSE ARGENTINE DOCUMENTATION  
IN THE NAME OF MANUEL FERNANDO DEL CORAZON DE JESUS MANTARAS.  
SEVERAL GRENADES AND A .38 REVOLVER WERE ALSO FOUND IN HIS  
POSSESSION.

B) AFTER THE ARREST, ADIA MARCONI DE GREGORIO, MOTHER

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OF SUBJECT WHO LIVES IN BUENOS AIRES, WAS CONTACTED BY  
UNKNOWN PERSONS AND WAS ASKED TO COME TO MONTEVIDEO TO  
ASSIST HER SON. WHEN SHE ARRIVED SHE RECEIVED A PACKET OF  
LETTERS TO BE SENT TO GOU OFFICIALS ON BEHALF OF HER SON,  
AND INSTRUCTIONS TO GO TO THE US EMBASSY, RED CROSS AND U.N.  
REFUGEE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ASSISTANCE.  
INSTEAD, SHE SOUGHT ADVICE AT THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY HERE AND  
WAS TOLD NOT TO SIGN THE LETTERS, AND TO RETURN TO BUENOS  
AIRES, WHICH SHE DID. [REDACTED] IT IS CLEAR THE  
TERRORIST MOVEMENT WAS TRYING TO INVOLVE THE U.S. EMBASSY AND  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN A CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO SAVE  
DE GREGORIO'S LIFE.)C) REPORTEDLY, ONE OF THE PERSONS CAPTURED IN THE DEC. 16  
ROUNDUP OF ARGENTINE MONTONEROS IN URUGUAY (REF B), BUT NOT  
NAMED IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS STATEMENT BY THE GOU, WAS DE  
GREGORIO'S WIFE.

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D) AFTER INTERROGATION BY GOU AUTHORITIES AT THE FUSILEROS  
NAVALES FACILITY IN MONTEVIDEO, DE GREGORIO WAS QUIETLY  
TURNED OVER TO ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES IN KEEPING WITH THE  
CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN GOU AND GOA SECURITY FORCES.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: [ ] NOTES THAT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
OF INFORMATION ARE PRESENTLY CIRCULATING WITHIN INTERESTED  
GOU CIRCLES AND WOULD NOT BE TRACEABLE TO SOURCE:

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A) THAT DE GREGORIO WAS APPREHENDED BY URUGUAYAN  
AUTHORITIES WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE COUNTRY USING  
FALSE DOCUMENTATION; B) THAT, WHEN ARRESTED, DE GREGORIO  
HAD IN HIS POSSESSION A .38 CALIBER REVOLVER AND SEVERAL  
HAND GRENADES; C) THAT HE IS A KNOWN MONTONERO MEMBER  
AND ACTIVE TERRORIST; AND D) THAT HE HAS BEEN TURNED  
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OVER TO THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES.

3. [ ] HAS NO  
OBJECTION TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA TWO BEING  
PROVIDED TO AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL OR OTHER NON-USG INQUIRERS.

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4. EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON DE  
GREGORIO'S ALLEGED TERRORIST ANTECEDENTS.  
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